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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 20, 2000
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 4 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DRAWINGS

1. This application has been filed with drawings that are considered informal; said drawings are acceptable for examination purposes. The review process for drawings that are included with applications on filing has been modified in view of the new requirement to publish applications at eighteen months after the filing date of applications, or any priority date claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119, 120, 121, or 365.

CLAIM AMENDMENT OBJECTION — 37 CFR §1.121

2. **The amendments to the claims filed on 5/8/2001 and 4/24/2002 do not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii) because there is no marked up version of the amended claims. Appropriate corrections are required.**

CLAIM REJECTIONS — 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been

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obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Independent claims 25 & 36 and dependent claims 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 35, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 & 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen 5,557,518 (09/17/96) [f/d: 4/28/94] (herein referred to as "Rosen").

As per claim 25, Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51) shows elements that suggest a "method of issuing an electronic negotiable document. . . ." [i.e., "*electronic money*"].

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20) shows elements that suggest "a unique public-secret key pair for signing and verifying. . . ."

Rosen (col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; and FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest "creating as data an END and storing this in a tamper-resistant document carrier, the document carrier containing a . . . verifying and a unique document carrier identifier . . . and storing the result in the document carrier."

Rosen does not explicitly show "signing the unique document-carrier identifier. . . ."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen (col. 6, ll. 9-12) "[*digital*] signatures are well known in the art and are used

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to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “signing the unique document-carrier identifier. . . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 26, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen (FIG. 2, els. 42, 56, 68, 82, 92, 98, 106, 112, and 116) shows elements that suggest “generating a time stamp representing the time of issue. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “storing this . . . [time stamp] with the END in the tamper-resistant document carrier before the encryption step. ”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 37-43) shows “*Time Purchased field . . . a Decryption Keys field . . . for decrypting if the communication is encrypted. . . .*”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen “*Time Purchased field . . . a Decryption Keys field . . . for decrypting if the communication is encrypted. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “storing this . . . [time stamp] with the END in the tamper-resistant document carrier before the encryption step. . . .” because such time stamp storing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 27, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen (col. 12, ll. 6-8) shows elements that suggest “calculating a hash value of

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the end and/or the time stamp value and storing this hash value instead of the full end in the tamper-resistant document carrier. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “storing this . . . [hash function] . . . before the encryption step. ”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 37-43) shows “a *Decryption Keys field . . . for decrypting if the communication is encrypted. . . .*”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s “*Decryption Keys field . . . for decrypting if the communication is encrypted. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “storing this . . . [hash function] . . . before the encryption step. . . .” because such hash function storing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 30, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen (col. 11, ll. 62-67; and col. 12, ll. 6-15) shows elements that suggest “calculating a hash value of the data to be encrypted by said secret key, in place of the full data.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “calculating a hash value of the data to be encrypted by said secret key, in place of the full data.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s “*certificate validation protocols . . . [which include] hash . . . and*

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encrypting . . . applications. . .” would have been selected in accordance with “calculating a hash value of the data to be encrypted by said secret key, in place of the full data. . .” because such applications would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 31, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “the document carrier stores a negotiability status flag indicative of whether the END stored therein in negotiable or non-negotiable, and including the step of setting the flag to ‘negotiable’ after the result of the encryption has been stored in the document carrier.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the document carrier stores a negotiability status flag indicative of whether the END stored therein in negotiable or non-negotiable, and including the step of setting the flag to ‘negotiable’ after the result of the encryption has been stored in the document carrier.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s “*a Status field . . . indicating whether the ticket is unused or has already been used. . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “the document carrier stores a negotiability status flag indicative of whether the END stored therein in negotiable or non-negotiable, and including the step of setting the flag to ‘negotiable’ after the result of the encryption has been stored in the document carrier. . .” because such status indication would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll.

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11-12).

Dependent claim 33 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as claim 25.

Dependent claim 34 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as claim 31.

Dependent claim 35 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as claim 32.

As per claim 36, Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; and FIG. 1) shows elements that suggest a “method of negotiating an END [i.e., “*electronic money*”] between seller and a buyer each possessing a tamper-resistant document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20; col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest a “carrier having its own public-secret key pair, in which the END is stored in the seller’s document carrier in the form of END data. . . . sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier. . . . using . . . [the public encryption key] to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the negotiability status flag. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and

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col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “establishing mutual recognition between the seller and buyer using a predetermined protocol between the respective document carriers . . . [and] aborting the negotiation if not. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier, and using it to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the negotiability status flag, sending that encrypted message to the buyer, decrypting the message using the buyer’s secret decryption key, and setting the negotiability status flag for the END of the buyer’s and seller’s document carriers respectively to **‘negotiable and non-negotiable’**”.

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “a negotiability status flag indicative of whether the END is currently negotiable from the document carrier on which it is stored. . . . [and] verifying in the seller’s document carrier that the negotiability status flag is negotiable”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[*digital*] signatures are well known in the art and are used to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen

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col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 38, Rosen shows the method according to claim 36.

Rosen (col. 15, ll. 15-67; col. 16, ll. 19-67; col. 17, ll. 1-40; and col. 18, ll. 17-35) shows elements that suggest “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen's (col. 18, ll. 17-35) “[*validate*] *issuer certificate and check issuer signature. . . . Verify . . . identifiers. . . . Validate each sender certificate and check each sender signature. Verify . . . receiver identifier. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key. . . .” because such credentials would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 40, Rosen shows the method according to claim 38.

Rosen (FIG. 2 and col. 16, ll. 27-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller's document carrier.”

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Rosen does not explicitly show “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller’s document carrier.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 16, ll. 27-37) “*both . . . have stored the . . . session key . . . to be used for their current interaction in recertifying. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller’s document carrier. . . .” because such certification would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 42, Rosen shows the method according to claim 38.

Rosen (FIG. 2; FIG. 1; and col. 16, ll. 27-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate of the buyer’s document carrier is sent to the seller’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; col. 40, ll. 14-29; and col. 18, ll. 17-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate of the buyer’s document carrier . . . is authenticated and the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails.”

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Rosen does not explicitly show “the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen's (col. 18, ll. 17-37) “[i]f the . . . credential is not valid, then the transaction is aborted. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails. . . .” because such validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 44, Rosen shows the method according to claim 36.

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20) shows elements that suggest a “secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1; FIG. 2; FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; col. 40, ll. 14-29; and col. 18, ll. 17-37) shows elements that suggest “the buyer’s document carrier after decrypting the message using its secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END, and informs the issuer in the event that authentication fails.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “after decrypting the message using its secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END. . . .”

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As per claim 46, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25.

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “issuing an END on a document-carrier. . . . [preceding] a method of negotiating an END. . . .”

Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; and FIG. 1) shows elements that suggest a “method of negotiating an END [i.e., “*electronic money*”] between seller and a buyer each possessing a tamper-resistant document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20; col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest a “carrier having its own public-secret key pair, in which the END is stored in the seller’s document carrier in the form of END data. . . . sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier. . . . using . . . [the public encryption key] to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the negotiability status flag. . . .”

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Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “establishing mutual recognition between the seller and buyer using a predetermined protocol between the respective document carriers . . . [and] aborting the negotiation if not. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier, and using it to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the negotiability status flag, sending that encrypted message to the buyer, decrypting the message using the buyer’s secret decryption key, and setting the negotiability status flag for the END of the buyer’s and seller’s document carriers respectively to ‘**negotiable and non-negotiable**’”.

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “a negotiability status flag indicative of whether the END is currently negotiable from the document carrier on which it is stored. . . . [and] verifying in the seller’s document carrier that the negotiability status flag is negotiable”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[digital] signatures are well known in the art and are used

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to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

Dependent claim 48 is rejected for substantially the same reasons as claim 36.

As per claim 50, Rosen shows the method according to claim 48.

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “the buyer’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20) shows elements that suggest a “secret key, verifies that the END is still valid. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 37-43) shows elements that suggest “after decrypting the message with its secret key . . . taking its time stamp. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100; and FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that

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suggest “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this, and aborts the negotiation before **incrementing** the counter or setting the negotiation status flag.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this. . . .”; however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “*[digital] signatures are well known in the art and are used to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this, and aborts the negotiation before incrementing the counter or setting the negotiation status flag. . . .” because such time stamp validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 52, Rosen shows the method according to claim 36.

Rosen (FIG. 2; FIGs. 30A-E; col. 15, ll. 15-65; col. 16, ll. 1-67; col. 7, ll. 29-41; and col. 41, ll. 37-39) shows elements that suggest “recovering the negotiation of an END which has previously broken down, by providing the buyer’s document-carrier with the necessary secret key which has been reproduced by the issuer or by a trusted third party.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “recovering the negotiation of an END. . . .”; however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen (FIG. 2; FIGs. 30A-E; col. 15, ll. 15-65; and col. 16, ll. 1-67) “*recertifying A’s certificate. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with

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“recovering the negotiation of an END. . . .” because such recertifying validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 54, Rosen shows the method according to claim 36.

Rosen (col. 41, ll. 37-39) shows elements that suggest “an END lost from a primary document-carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 13, ll. 5-15; col. 13, ll. 35-60; and col. 20, ll. 31-42) shows elements that suggest “recovering an END lost from a primary document-carrier, by activating a back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier.”

Rosen does not explicitly show a “back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 20, ll. 38-42) “[*the*] overall system security pertaining to the money modules may be integrated with that for the trusted agents . . . but is preferably separate to provide for enhanced system security and system flexibility. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with a “back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier. . . .” because such back-up capability would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

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As per claim 56, Rosen shows the method according to claim 52.

Rosen (col. 15, ll. 3-37) shows elements that suggest “inhibiting the recovery until the expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 15, ll. 3-11) “[if] the timer expires before the message has been received, then Session Manager A will query Session Manager B to determine if the transaction is still running in B. If B does not reply, then Session Manager will abort the transaction. . . . A similar time-out function exists in the money modules. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END. . . .” because such a validity transaction would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 58, Rosen shows the method according to claim 54.

Rosen (col. 15, ll. 3-37) shows elements that suggest “inhibiting the recovery until the expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 15, ll. 3-11) “[if] the timer expires before the message has been

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received, then Session Manager A will query Session Manager B to determine if the transaction is still running in B. If B does not reply, then Session Manager will abort the transaction. . . . A similar time-out function exists in the money modules. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END. . . .” because such a validity transaction would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

4. Dependent claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen 5,557,518 (09/17/96) [f/d: 4/28/94] (herein referred to as “Rosen”) in view of Pitroda 5,590,038 (12/31/96) [f/d: 6/20/94] (herein referred to as “Pitroda”).

As per claim 28, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen does not explicitly show “the document carrier identifier is a device number, and the END identifier is a serial number.”

Pitroda (col. 15, ll. 58-63; and col. 16, ll. 39-40) shows elements that suggest “the document carrier identifier is a device number, and the END identifier is a serial number.”

Pitroda proposes serial number and device number modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Pitroda to Rosen, because such modifications would have provided a means of “*storing . . . various [types] of . . . numbers . . . [associated with] financial or personal transactional information.*” (See Pitroda col. 2, ll. 55-61).

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5. Dependent claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen in view of Tel 5,354,097 (10/11/94) (herein referred to as "Tel").

As per claim 29, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above. (See the rejection of claim 25 supra).

Rosen does not explicitly show "the END identifier is supplemented with data representing a water mark unique to the issuer."

Tel (col. 1, ll. 22-26) discloses means to "*counteract forgery by providing a watermark. . . .*"

Tel proposes "*watermark*" modifications that would have applied to the systems and methods for secure transaction management of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Tel to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have provided a means of showing the authenticity of an original image.

6. Dependent claim 32 and independent claims 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 & 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen in view of Pitroda and further in view of Abraham 5,148,481 (09/15/92) (herein referred to as "Abraham").

As per claim 32, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25 above.

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100; FIG. 4A) shows elements that suggest "the times the END has been negotiated since issue. . . ."

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Rosen does not explicitly show “the document carrier includes a counter for counting a serial number . . . setting the counter to zero after the result of the encryption has been stored in the document carrier.”

Pitroda (col. 15, ll. 58-63; and col. 16, ll. 39-40) shows elements that suggest “the document carrier identifier is a device number, and the END identifier is a serial number.”

Pitroda proposes serial number modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Pitroda to Rosen, because such modifications would have provided a means of “storing . . . various [types] of . . . numbers . . . [associated with] financial or personal transactional information.” (See Pitroda col. 2, ll. 55-61).

Abraham (col. 5, ll. 5-55; and FIG. 8) shows elements that suggest “the document carrier includes a counter for counting a serial number . . . setting the counter to zero after the result of the encryption has been stored in the document carrier.”

Abraham proposes counter modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Abraham to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have provided a method of “access control. . . individually programmable by the application owner. . . .” of a digital work. (See Abraham col. 1, ll. 60-65; and col. 2, ll. 1-5).

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As per claim 37, Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; and FIG. 1) shows elements that suggest a “method of negotiating an END [i.e., “*electronic money*”] between seller and a buyer each possessing a tamper-resistant document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20; col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest a “carrier having its own public-secret key pair, in which the END is stored in the seller’s document carrier in the form of END data. . . . sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[*digital*] signatures are well known in the art and are used to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

Rosen does not explicitly show “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

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Pitroda (col. 15, ll. 58-63; and col. 16, ll. 39-40) shows elements that suggest “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

Pitroda proposes serial number modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Pitroda to Rosen, because such modifications would have provided a means of “storing . . . various [types] of . . . numbers . . . [associated with] financial or personal transactional information.” (See Pitroda col. 2, ll. 55-61).

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “establishing mutual recognition between the seller and buyer using a predetermined protocol between the respective document carriers . . . [and] aborting the negotiation if it is not negotiable. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “verifying in the seller’s document carrier that the END, if it has been stored previously in that document carrier, has a different counter value this time and is therefore negotiable. . . .”

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Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier, and using it to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending that encrypted message to the buyer. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “using . . . [the public encryption key] to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham (col. 5, ll. 5-55; and FIG. 8) shows elements that suggest encrypting a “message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham proposes counter modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Abraham to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have provided a method of “*access control. . . . individually programmable by the application owner. . . .*” of a digital work. (See Abraham col. 1, ll. 60-65; and col. 2, ll. 1-5).

As per claim 39, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 37.

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Rosen (col. 15, ll. 15-67; col. 16, ll. 19-67; col. 17, ll. 1-40; and col. 18, ll. 17-35) shows elements that suggest “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 18, ll. 17-35) “[*validate*] issuer certificate and check issuer signature. . . . Verify . . . identifiers. . . . Validate each sender certificate and check each sender signature. Verify . . . receiver identifier. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “each document carrier is installed originally with a certificate comprising a digital signature of its unique identifier and of its public key. . . .” because such credentials would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 41, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 39.

Rosen (FIG. 2 and col. 16, ll. 27-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller’s document carrier.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller’s document

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carrier.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 16, ll. 27-37) “*both . . . have stored the . . . session key . . . to be used for their current interaction in recertifying. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “the certificate unique to the document carrier on which the END was originally issued is stored with the END in the seller’s document carrier. . . .” because such certification would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 43, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 39.

Rosen (FIG. 2; FIG. 1; and col. 16, ll. 27-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate of the buyer’s document carrier is sent to the seller’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; col. 40, ll. 14-29; and col. 18, ll. 17-37) shows elements that suggest “the certificate of the buyer’s document carrier . . . is authenticated and the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails.”

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Rosen does not explicitly show “the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 18, ll. 17-37) “[if] the . . . credential is not valid, then the transaction is aborted. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the negotiation is aborted if authentication fails. . . .” because such validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 45, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 37.

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20) shows elements that suggest a “secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1; FIG. 2; FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; col. 40, ll. 14-29; and col. 18, ll. 17-37) shows elements that suggest “the buyer’s document carrier after decrypting the message using its secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END, and informs the issuer in the event that authentication fails.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “after decrypting the message using its secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END. . . .”

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen's (col. 18, ll. 17-35) “[*validate*] issuer certificate and check issuer signature. . . . Verify . . . identifiers. . . . Validate each sender certificate and check each sender signature. Verify . . . receiver identifier. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “after decrypting the message using its secret key, verifies the signature of the issuer on the END.” because such verification would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 47, Rosen shows the method according to claim 25.

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “issuing an END on a document-carrier. . . . [preceding] a method of negotiating an END. . . .”

Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; and FIG. 1) shows elements that suggest a “method of negotiating an END [i.e., “*electronic money*”] between seller and a buyer each possessing a tamper-resistant document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20; col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest a “carrier having its own public-secret key pair, in which the END is stored in the seller’s document carrier in the form of END data. . . . sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .”

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen's (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[*digital*] signatures are well known in the art and are used to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

Rosen does not explicitly show “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

Pitroda (col. 15, ll. 58-63; and col. 16, ll. 39-40) shows elements that suggest “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

Pitroda proposes serial number modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Pitroda to Rosen, because such modifications would have provided a means of “*storing . . . various [types] of . . . numbers . . . [associated with] financial or personal transactional information.*” (See Pitroda col. 2, ll. 55-61).

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col.

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28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “establishing mutual recognition between the seller and buyer using a predetermined protocol between the respective document carriers . . . [and] aborting the negotiation if it is not negotiable. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “verifying in the seller’s document carrier that the END, if it has been stored previously in that document carrier, has a different counter value this time and is therefore negotiable. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier, and using it to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending that encrypted message to the buyer. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “using . . . [the public encryption key] to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham (col. 5, ll. 5-55; and FIG. 8) shows elements that suggest encrypting a “message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham proposes counter modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention

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was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Abraham to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have provided a method of “*access control. . . individually programmable by the application owner. . .*” of a digital work. (See Abraham col. 1, ll. 60-65; and col. 2, ll. 1-5).

As per claim 49, Rosen shows the method according to claim 26.

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “issuing an END on a document-carrier. . . [preceding] a method of negotiating an END. . .”

Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; and FIG. 1) shows elements that suggest a “method of negotiating an END [i.e., “*electronic money*”] between seller and a buyer each possessing a tamper-resistant document carrier. . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20; col. 4, ll. 4-37; col. 4 ll. 40-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23; col. 5, ll. 38-61; col. 6, ll. 3-13; FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest a “carrier having its own public-secret key pair, in which the END is stored in the seller’s document carrier in the form of END data. . . sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier. . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . .”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[*digital*] signatures are well known in the art and are used

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to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “the signature generated by the secret signing-key of a document carrier of the issuer of the END. . . .” because such signing would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

Rosen does not explicitly show “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

Pitroda (col. 15, ll. 58-63; and col. 16, ll. 39-40) shows elements that suggest “the END is stored . . . together with a serial number counter indicative of the number of times that the END has been negotiated. . . .”

Pitroda proposes serial number modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Pitroda to Rosen, because such modifications would have provided a means of “*storing . . . various [types] of . . . numbers . . . [associated with] financial or personal transactional information.*” (See Pitroda col. 2, ll. 55-61).

Rosen (FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “establishing mutual recognition between

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the seller and buyer using a predetermined protocol between the respective document carriers . . . [and] aborting the negotiation if it is not negotiable. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100) shows elements that suggest “verifying in the seller’s document carrier that the END, if it has been stored previously in that document carrier, has a different counter value this time and is therefore negotiable. . . .”

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “sending the public encryption key of the buyer’s document carrier to the seller’s document carrier, and using it to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending that encrypted message to the buyer. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “using . . . [the public encryption key] to encrypt the message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham (col. 5, ll. 5-55; and FIG. 8) shows elements that suggest encrypting a “message comprising the END together with the counter, sending the encrypted message to the buyer . . . and incrementing the counter by one.”

Abraham proposes counter modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Abraham to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have provided a method of “*access control. . . . individually programmable by the application*

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owner. . . .” of a digital work. (See Abraham col. 1, ll. 60-65; and col. 2, ll. 1-5).

As per claim 51, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 49.

Rosen (FIG. 1 and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “the buyer’s document carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 16, ll. 19-20) shows elements that suggest a “secret key, verifies that the END is still valid. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 37-43) shows elements that suggest “after decrypting the message with its secret key . . . taking its time stamp. . . .”

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 26-32; FIG. 2, els. 58, 84 and 100; and FIG. 7B; col. 2, ll. 61-62; col. 2, line 66; col. 3, ll. 59-60; col. 7, ll. 29-41; col. 13, ll. 35-36; col. 14, ll. 12-35; col. 14, ll. 47-65; col. 15, ll. 3-12; col. 19, ll. 11-40; col. 21, ll. 36-65; col. 22, ll. 5-19; col. 24, ll. 21-60; col. 25, ll. 9-34; col. 27, ll. 15-20; col. 27, ll. 53-61; col. 28, ll. 30-36; col. 29, ll. 52-65; col. 38, ll. 48-67; col. 39, ll. 16-35; col. 39, ll. 43-45; and col. 40, ll. 14-29) shows elements that suggest “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this, and aborts the negotiation before incrementing the counter or setting the negotiation status flag.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this. . . .”; however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 6, ll. 9-12) “[digital] signatures are well known

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in the art and are used to detect if a signed electronic object has been altered in anyway since the time it was signed. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “if . . . [the time stamp] has expired, informs the issuer of this, and aborts the negotiation before incrementing the counter or setting the negotiation status flag. . . .” because such time stamp validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 53, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 37.

Rosen (FIG. 2; FIGs. 30A-E; col. 15, ll. 15-65; col. 16, ll. 1-67; and col. 7, ll. 29-41) shows elements that suggest “recovering the negotiation of an END which has previously broken down, by providing the buyer’s document-carrier with the necessary secret key which has been reproduced by the issuer or by a trusted third party.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “recovering the negotiation of an END. . . .”; however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen (FIG. 2; FIGs. 30A-E; col. 15, ll. 15-65; and col. 16, ll. 1-67) “*recertifying A’s certificate. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “recovering the negotiation of an END. . . .” because such recertifying validation would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

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As per claim 55, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 37.

Rosen (col. 41, ll. 37-39) shows elements that suggest “an END lost from a primary document-carrier. . . .”

Rosen (col. 13, ll. 5-15; col. 13, ll. 35-60; and col. 20, ll. 31-42) shows elements that suggest “recovering an END lost from a primary document-carrier, by activating a back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier.”

Rosen does not explicitly show a “back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen (col. 20, ll. 38-42) “[the] overall system security pertaining to the money modules may be integrated with that for the trusted agents . . . but is preferably separate to provide for enhanced system security and system flexibility. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “a “back-up document-carrier which has previously been provided with back-up data reproduced from the primary document-carrier. . . .” because such back-up capability would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 57, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 53.

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Rosen (col. 15, ll. 3-37) shows elements that suggest “inhibiting the recovery until the expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 15, ll. 3-11) “[if] the timer expires before the message has been received, then Session Manager A will query Session Manager B to determine if the transaction is still running in B. If B does not reply, then Session Manager will abort the transaction. . . . A similar time-out function exists in the money modules. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END. . . .” because such a validity transaction would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

As per claim 59, Rosen in view of Pitroda and Abraham shows the method according to claim 55.

Rosen (col. 15, ll. 3-37) shows elements that suggest “inhibiting the recovery until the expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 15, ll. 3-11) “[if] the timer expires before the message has been

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received, then Session Manager A will query Session Manager B to determine if the transaction is still running in B. If B does not reply, then Session Manager will abort the transaction. . . . A similar time-out function exists in the money modules. . . .” would have been selected in accordance with “expiry of the predetermined period of validity of the END. . . .” because such a validity transaction would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

7. Independent claim 60 and dependent claim 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen in view Halter 5,319,705 (06/07/94) (herein referred to as “Halter”).

As per claim 60, Rosen (col. 23, ll. 9-51; FIG. 1; FIG. 2; and FIG. 3) shows elements that suggest a method of negotiating an END sold by a seller to a buyer. . . .”

Rosen does not explicitly show “the buyer splits the End electronically into two or more parts and then negotiates those parts separately to one or more further buyers.”

Halter (col. 4, ll. 23-52; and FIG. 2) shows elements that suggest “the buyer splits the End electronically into two or more parts and then negotiates those parts separately to one or more further buyers.”

Halter proposes customer distribution modifications that would have applied to the electronic ticket process and system of Rosen. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to add the modifications taught by Halter to Rosen, because implementation of such modifications would have

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provided “*access to encrypted multimedia files. . . .*” to multiple customers of a digital work. (See Halter col. 4, ll. 39-52).

As per claim 61, Rosen in view Halter shows the method of claim 60.

Rosen (col. 4, ll. 51-67; col. 5, ll. 1-23) shows elements that suggest different parts of an END.

Rosen (col. 6, ll. 9-12) shows elements that suggest said “each part is subjected to . . . [a] digital signature of the said buyer’s document-carrier which effects the splitting.”

Rosen does not explicitly show “each part is subjected to . . . [a] digital signature of the said buyer’s document-carrier which effects the splitting.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of secure transactions that Rosen’s (col. 18, ll. 17-35) “[*validate*] *issuer certificate and check issuer signature. . . . Verify . . . identifiers. . . . Validate each sender certificate and check each sender signature. Verify . . . receiver identifier. . . .*” would have been selected in accordance with “each part is subjected to . . . [a] digital signature of the said buyer’s document-carrier which effects the splitting. . . .” because such digital signatures would have provided an “*electronic object integrity . . . check. . . .*” (See Rosen col. 6, ll. 11-12).

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

8. Applicant's arguments (Pre-Amendment A, paper#5, filed 05/08/2001) have been fully

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considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument (Pre-Amendment A, paper#5, p. 12, ll. 4-14; and p. 13, ll. 1-5) which asserts that "In the present claim 25, the document carrier is self identifying and unique. . . .", it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (e.g., "the document carrier is self identifying and unique. . . .") are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

In response to Applicant's argument (Pre-Amendment A, paper#5, p. 13, ll. 6-9) which asserts that "With regard to independent [claim] 26 . . . [the claim] now shows that, as well as mutual recognition being established between respective document carries, mutual verification, between the sell and the buyer, is also established using one or more predetermined protocols. . . .", there is not independent claim 26.

In response to Applicant's argument (Pre-Amendment A, paper#5, p. 13, ll. 6-22; p. 14; and p. 15, ll. 1-6) which asserts that "With regard to independent [claim] 37 . . . [the claim] now shows that, as well as mutual recognition being established between respective document carries, mutual verification, between the sell and the buyer, is also established using one or more predetermined protocols. . . .", it is well settled in the law that a reference may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having

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ordinary skill in the art, including non-preferred embodiments. (See *Merck & Co. Inc. V. Biocraft Laboratories Inc.*, 10 USPQ2d 1843 (CAFC 1989). And, furthermore, *In re Shepard*, 138 USPQ 148 (CCPA 1963) "In considering disclosure of reference patent, it is pertinent to point out not only specific teachings of patent but also the **reasonable inferences** which one skilled in the art would logically draw therefrom."

It is also well settled that the test for obviousness is not whether the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the teachings of the references would have suggested in the broadest interpretation to those of ordinary skill in the art. The examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

In this case, the obviousness rejections have relied upon the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art.

In response to Applicant's argument (Pre-Amendment A, paper#5, p. 15, ll. 7-20; and p. 16) which asserts that the prior art references of record relied upon in the obviousness rejection of claim 60 teaches away from the claimed invention, it is well

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settled in the law that "Disclosed examples and preferred embodiments do not constitute a teaching away from a broader disclosure or non-preferred embodiments." (See *In re Susi*, 169 USPQ 423 (CCPA 1971) and it is well settled in the law that a reference may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art, including non-preferred embodiments. (See *Merck & Co. Inc. V. Biocraft Laboratories Inc.*, 10 USPQ2d 1843 (CAFC 1989); furthermore, *In re Shepard*, 138 USPQ 148 (CCPA 1963) "In considering disclosure of reference patent, it is pertinent to point out not only specific teachings of patent but also the **reasonable inferences** which one skilled in the art would logically draw therefrom."

CONCLUSION

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